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Respectfully submitted,



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## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6,229,304	5/8/01	Guzik	324	212	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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